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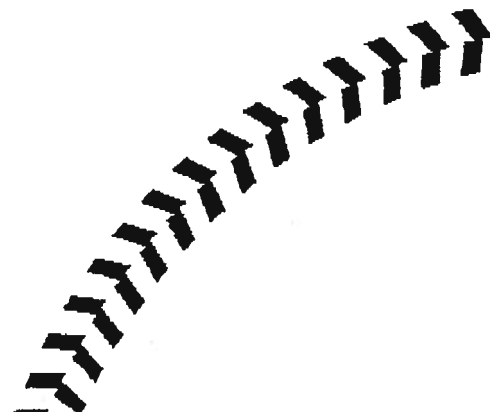
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MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force
c/o California Natural Resources Agency
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RE: Support for Protection of Point Dume's Submarine Canyon and Big Kelp Reef in the BRTF Final Preferred Alternative

Dear Blue Ribbon Task Force members:

As a longtime Malibu land owner and beach user, I very much appreciate the diversity and abundance of wildlife in the Point Dume area. Our family often walks along the beach, kayaks, paddle-boards, and SCUBA dives in the area. I believe the preservation of this natural nursery habitat would be a great benefit for visitors, locals, and future generations to come.

I strongly believe that Point Dume's submarine canyon and the reef east of Point Dume known as Big Kelp Reef (BKR) need to be protected in a marine reserve in your final preferred alternative for marine protected areas in Southern California by the adoption of the map 1 shape for this area. Anything less than map 1 will not provide adequate protection for the Malibu coast and Santa Monica Bay.

The Santa Monica Bay houses two submarine canyons that are surrounded by rich rocky inshore reefs—Point Dume and Redondo Canyons. These concentrated upwelling zones adjacent to inshore rocky reef and rich kelp forest habitats support a diversity of marine life and seed the fisheries throughout the Bay. At a minimum, one of these key nursery habitats must be protected to help restore marine life populations and marine habitats throughout the Santa Monica Bay.

Thank you very much for all your hard work in ensuring the protection of Southern California's marine life, and please provide real protection for Point Dume and its surrounding habitats in your final preferred alternative map.

Sincerely,



cc: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

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